

Remarks

By this amendment, the specification has been changed to reflect prior related applications, and to add an abstract on a separate page.

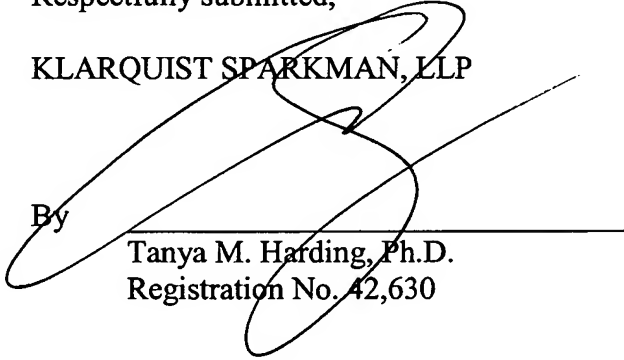
Claims 4, 7, and 13 have been canceled, and claims 1, 3, 5, 8, 14-17, and 22-25 have been amended to better focus prosecution in the case, to remove multiple dependencies and to better conform to U.S. claims practice. New claim 26 has been added. No new matter is added by this amendment. After entry of this Amendment, **claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9-12, and 14-26 are pending.**

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if any questions remain concerning the amendments made herein. Otherwise, the present application is ready for substantive examination, and such action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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